

## **Evening Prayer**

### **Friday after the Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

*Psalm 16:7,8*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

### **Invitatory and Psalter**

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*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.  
*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.

## O Gracious Light

O gracious light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## Psalm 35

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Fight those who fight me, O LORD; \*  
attack those who are attacking me.  
Take up shield and armor \*  
and rise up to help me.  
Draw the sword and bar the way against those who pursue me; \*  
say to my soul, "I am your salvation."  
Let those who seek after my life be shamed and humbled; \*  
let those who plot my ruin fall back and be dismayed.  
Let them be like chaff before the wind, \*  
and let the angel of the LORD drive them away.  
Let their way be dark and slippery, \*  
and let the angel of the LORD pursue them.  
For they have secretly spread a net for me without a cause; \*  
without a cause they have dug a pit to take me alive.  
Let ruin come upon them unawares; \*  
let them be caught in the net they hid;  
let them fall into the pit they dug.  
Then I will be joyful in the LORD; \*  
I will glory in his victory.  
My very bones will say, "LORD, who is like you? \*  
You deliver the poor from those who are too strong for them,  
the poor and needy from those who rob them."  
Malicious witnesses rise up against me; \*  
they charge me with matters I know nothing about.  
They pay me evil in exchange for good; \*  
my soul is full of despair.  
But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth \*  
and humbled myself by fasting.  
I prayed with my whole heart,  
as one would for a friend or a brother; \*  
I behaved like one who mourns for his mother,  
bowed down and grieving.

But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together;  
they gathered against me; \*  
strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and would not stop.  
They put me to the test and mocked me; \*  
they gnashed at me with their teeth.  
O Lord, how long will you look on? \*  
rescue me from the roaring beasts,  
and my life from the young lions.  
I will give you thanks in the great congregation; \*  
I will praise you in the mighty throng.  
Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, \*  
nor let those who hate me without a cause wink at each other.  
For they do not plan for peace, \*  
but invent deceitful schemes against the quiet in the land.  
They opened their mouths at me and said, \*  
“Aha! we saw it with our own eyes.”  
You saw it, O LORD; do not be silent; \*  
O Lord, be not far from me.  
Awake, arise, to my cause! \*  
to my defense, my God and my Lord!  
Give me justice, O LORD my God,  
according to your righteousness; \*  
do not let them triumph over me.  
Do not let them say in their hearts,  
“Aha! just what we want!” \*  
Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up.”  
Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; \*  
let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay and shame.  
Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; \*  
let them say always, “Great is the LORD,  
who desires the prosperity of his servant.”  
And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness \*  
and of your praise all the day long.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson**

**Mark 4:35-41**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead

calm. He said to them, Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### **15. The Song of Mary**

*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Suffrages A**

*V.*      Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*R.*      And grant us your salvation.  
*V.*      Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*R.*      Let your people sing with joy.  
*V.*      Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*R.*      For only in you can we live in safety.  
*V.*      Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*R.*      And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
*V.*      Let your way be known upon earth;  
*R.*      Your saving health among all nations.  
*V.*      Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*R.*      Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
*V.*      Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*R.*      And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **A Collect for Fridays**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

### **A Prayer for Mission**

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.*

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Romans 15:13*